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FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, APER, US, UR

SUBJECT: MOSCOW SIGNAL: EMPLOYEE REACTIONS

1. LOCAL AFSA REPRESENTATIVE CALLED MEETING (IN UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM) MARCH 11 TO DISCUSS REACTIONS TO FACT SHEET AND SUBSEQUENT Q AND A SESSIONS. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY 24 EMPLOYEES AND 7 DEPENDENTS. FOLLOWING MEETING, AFSA REP INFORMED DCM THAT CONSENSUS OF MEETING WAS THAT TELEGRAM SHOULD BE SENT TO AFSA AS FOLLOW-UP TO INITIAL CABLE STATING THAT SOME OF MEMBERS ARE NOT FULLY SATISFIED REGARDING EXPLANATIONS RECEIVED TO DATE ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. NEED FOR CLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION, WHICH PRECLUDES EXPLANATIONS TO CONCERNED RELATIVES IN US OR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATION WITH PRIVATE PHYSICIANS.

B. OMISSION FROM "CERTIFICATE" GIVEN EMPLOYEES OF DATA ON THE DURATION AND DEGREE OF PROBABLY EXPOSURE TO MICROWAVES.

C. EXPLANATION OF "DELAY" IN INFORMING EMPLOYEES OF SITUATION.

D. LACK OF INFORMATION ON STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS.

E. EXPLANATION OF "DELAY" IN PROVIDING SCREENING.

TELEGRAM WOULD ALSO HAVE REQUESTED THAT AFSA PROVIDE COPIES OF SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AND OTHER PUBLISHED MATERIAL ON GENERAL SUBJECT. SOME MEMBERS SUGGESTED THAT AFSA CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING POSSIBLE GROUNDS FOR LEGAL ACTION, BUT THERE APPARENTLY WAS NO CONSENSUS THAT THIS REQUEST BE INCLUDED IN TELEGRAM.

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2. DCM POINTED OUT TO AFSA REP THAT, WHILE HE COULD NOT BLOCK MESSAGES BETWEEN EMPLOYEES AND AFSA, COURSE SUGGESTED SEEMED ILL ADVISED SINCE EMPLOYEES HAD NOT INDICATED TO MANAGEMENT THEIR CONTINUED DISSATISFACTION ON THESE POINTS DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF ANY MATTERS WHICH REMAINED UNCLEAR. FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION, AFSA REP (WHO PERSONALLY HAS OPPOSED COMMUNICATIONS WITH AFSA HQ UNTIL ALL MATTERS THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY MANAGEMENT) AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO MEMBERS THAT

AT LEAST ONE MORE MEETING BE HELD WITH DCM TO ADDRESS REMAINING POINTS OF CONCERN BEFORE TELEGRAM SENT. THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND A MEETING WITH DCM SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 16.

3. ON THE POINTS LISTED IN PARA ONE, WE FEEL WE HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE TO HANDLE (TO THE DEGREE THEY CAN BE HANDLED) POINTS C AND E. RE POINT A, WE WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE NECESSITY OF CLASSIFICATION WHILE MATTER UNDER NEGOTIATION, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHAT EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO TELL RELATIVES IN US IF LATTER EXPRESS CONCERN. ON POINT B IT IS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT ESTIMATES OF PROBABLY EXPOSURE WILL BE PROVIDED, SO FAR AS DEPARTMENT RECORDS PERMIT, UPON PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE AND REQUEST. PLEASE CONFIRM (ALSO SEE NEXT PARA). ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED ON POINT D WILL BE APPRECIATED, ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. REGARDING REQUEST FOR MATERIALS, IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO US IF PACKET OF PUBLISHED MATERIAL (NO MATTER HOW TECHNICAL, AND EVEN IF SOME IS OF ONLY TANGENTIAL RELEVANCE) COULD BE PROVIDED ASAP.

4. WE HAVE BEGUN TO RECEIVE A FEW REQUESTS FOR THE CERTIFICATES DESCRIBED IN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ANNEX TO THE MICROWAVE BRIEFING PAPER. WE BELIEVE THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING SUCH REQUESTS. WE PROPOSE THAT THE EMBASSY PROVIDE EMPLOYEES WHO REQUEST THEM WITH CERTIFICATES SHOWING PERIOD OF SERVICE IN MOSCOW AND THE LOCATION OF THE EMPLOYEE'S OFFICE AND RESIDENCE. THE EMPLOYEE COULD THEN REQUEST A STATEMENT ABOUT APPROXIMATE EXPOSURE FROM THE DEPARTMENT BY INCLUDING A COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE WITH HIS REQUEST. ALTHOUGH THERE IS CONSIDERABLE TECHNICAL INFORMATION IN THE DEPARTMENT'S SECURITY FILES WHICH

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DOES NOT EXIST AT THE POST, WE DO HAVE SOME DATA, PRIMARILY RUSTRAK RECORDINGS, WHICH SHOULD NOW BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE THE FILES IN A/SY. IF THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH THIS PROCEDURE, WE WILL SO INFORM OUR EMPLOYEES AND FORWARD THE NECESSARY DATA TO A/SY.

5. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT WE UNDERSTAND AN EMPLOYEE IS PREPARING TO FILE AN "EMPLOYEE'S NOTICE OF INJURY OR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE"(CA-1)

AS WELL AS AN "OFFICIAL SUPERIOR'S REPORT OF INJURY" (CA-2). SINCE WE HAVE NO REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT ANY INJURY HAS OCCURRED, CAN THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE US WITH GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD ACCEPT AND PROCESS THESE FORMS?

6. TIME CORRESPONDENT HAS INFORMED SEVERAL MEMBERS OF EMBASSY THAT HE HAS RECEIVED "ADVISORY" FROM HIS EDITORS THAT DEPARTMENT SOURCES HAVE STATED THAT FOUR CASES OF CANCER DETECTED AMONG PAST EMPLOYEES OF EMBASSY. IT IS MOST LIKELY, THEREFORE, THAT THIS QUESTION WILL ALSO ARISE MARCH 16 AND WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE UPDATED GUIDANCE REGARDING QUESTIONS RELATING TO RESULTS OF SURVEY OF HEALTH OF PAST EMBASSY EMPLOYEES. STOESSEL

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